Right to Elementary Education as Fundamental Right

426. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the right to elementary education has been enshrined as one of the Fundamental Rights under the Indian constitution;

(b) if so, whether Government have enacted any enabling legislation to make the right enforceable;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the necessary legislation is likely to be presented for Parliamentary approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The relevant Constituion Amendment Act, has been enacted, but not yet brought into force.

(b) Not yet.

(c) and (d) State Governments, Political Parties and other concerned are being consulted in regard to the legislation envisaged in the new Article 21 A of the Constitution. It will be introduced in Parliament as soon as this process is over.

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†427. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliament for children named "Education for All" has been organised in Delhi recently under the literacy drive being launched by the UNESCO;

(b) if so, the details of the main points discussed in the said Parliament;

(c) whether Government have realized NGOs and civil society organizations could play a significant role in child education;

(d) whether it is a fact that the prgrammes launched by NGOs in the field of literacy have been praised; and

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